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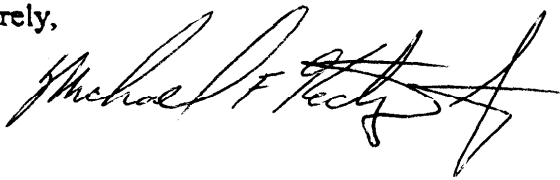
Federal Railroad Administration:

As a resident of the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward in the City of Chicago, I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal that would require trains to sound their horns continuously within ¼ mile of all at grade crossings.

There are 26 such crossings in our community with over 70 trains a day. The noise level would be a disruptive influence on the quality of life for virtually all of the residents of the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward.

I would urge you to recognize the unique situation of our community and consider alternative measures, or exempt our area from what would clearly be an unwanted and unsettling proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael P. Kelly", with a stylized flourish at the end.